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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subject: (U) Security Concerns for DRETA Support Activities

1. (U) There have been recent security concerns regarding DRETA activities in support of several Air Force programs. There is a potential of compromise to certain foreign entities.

2. (U) The following DRETA projects have been targeted:

a. (S) The Air Slide Deployment system currently under testing at DRETA was the subject of covert inquiries from Chinese National Operative during the period of 30 June to 4 August 2004. The Federal Bureau of Investigation uncovered this operation and notified the Department of Defense (DoD) on 18 July 2004. DoD conducted counterintelligence operations in this case to ascertain the scope of the Chinese operations.

b. (S) The Fighter ASTER System which recently completed testing at DRETA was the subject of overt and covert inquiries from the Chinese and Iranians. Two DRETA Research Technicians were targeted by the Chinese. The Chinese covert activities were uncovered when one of the DRETA Research Technicians underwent a polygraph examination.

c. (S) The UNSTAR Flight Launch System currently under testing at DRETA is the subject of covert inquiries by Russia, France, China and Iran.

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d. (S) The Mobile Radar TEAR System scheduled for testing next month has already been the subject of several overt collection inquiries. To date, there have been 24 inquiries from several nations including Russia, Iraq, Iran, Cuba, North Korea, and China.

e. (S) Any covert activity location operations pertaining to Russia, France, or China would require extensive oversight, protection and in-depth intelligence planning.

3. (U) Due to the sensitive nature of these programs DRETA must report all possible collection activities directed towards Air Force programs. Questions regarding this may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 695-4444.

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